

to save the lives of the young men and women of America, and I thank them for their valiant and courageous service.

34TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, anniversaries are commonly recognized as a cause for celebration. Yet today the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade is no cause for celebration. While I am inspired by the thousands of citizens who came to Washington to march for life, I am truly disheartened by those who celebrate this "anniversary," a date which marks an overactive judiciary allowing the destruction of human life.

This judicial opinion's 34th anniversary marks the Federal judiciary's usurpation of the Republic's right to set social and moral policy through the electoral process. Moreover, the science behind the opinion is outdated and should, at the very least, be re-evaluated in light of new advancements in science over the last 34 years.

Many legal scholars see the finding in Roe v. Wade as nothing more than judicial activism, a poorly written opinion lacking logic and the strict interpretation of the Constitution in rendering said opinion.

The real legacy of Roe v. Wade is a culture war that will likely continue through many of the opinion's anniversaries yet to come.

Mr. Speaker, today is no cause for celebration. It is yet another example of judges legislating from the bench. Human life is a gift from God, and we all should cherish and protect it.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH PLAN

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will hear the State of the Union address from the President, and one of the issues that he will highlight in his speech tomorrow night is the need for expanded health care for Americans.

This is something that the Republicans in Congress have focused on for several years, and it is with excitement that we anticipate the President's remarks tomorrow night as he talks about small business health care, talks about small business health plans and how expanding small business health plans to 40 million uninsured Americans, 60 percent of whom work in small businesses, will help more and more families to be able to control their health care and their health care expense, their health care decisions, and preserve their right to access to physicians of their choice.

We know that by giving small businesses the opportunity to band to-

gether, they will have greater options. And we know that this will reduce the number of uninsured Americans.

We look forward to the President's plan for expanding health care through small business health plans.

THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

(Mr. WALDEN of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, the failure of Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act results in a broken promise to over 600 forested counties across this country.

Surely you remember the frantic search last month for James Kim and his family in the Federal forests of southern Oregon. Josephine County relied on critical emergency resources in this heart-breaking effort. Ninety percent of the county's search and rescue budget has been funded by this Federal program, which this Congress has not reauthorized. Likewise, the county utilizes an emergency phone notification system to alert homeowners to disasters and emergencies. They used it during the search for the Kim family.

Sixty-five percent of Josephine County's land base is Federal. When disaster strikes, quick information response is literally a matter of life and death. Failure to reauthorize this program means these county services may not be funded and may not be available.

As Josephine County Commissioner Dave Toler said, the loss of this program "is about more than numbers. Its loss will change our lives for many more years to come."

My colleagues, it is high time for Congress to reauthorize this legislation.

MARCH FOR LIFE

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, more than 20,000 people descended on Washington today as part of the March for Life rally, marking the 34th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade.

Over 44 million children, little boys and little girls, their lives have been lost since 1973, at this origination of Roe v. Wade. They were never given the opportunity to enjoy life.

As one March for Life participant pointed out today: "Rain or shine, these unborn children don't have that option. They'll never be able to feel the rain on their heads. They'll never be able to feel the wind on their face. So this is a great opportunity for us to march in their honor." And these participants braved cold weather and lots of rain today to participate and stand up for the most vulnerable in our society.

I hope for a more prosperous day when our country respects the lives of the unborn.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PASCRELL). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TALIBAN RESURGENCE IN PAKISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of President Bush's State of the Union speech, in which he will undoubtedly be searching for support for his plan to send additional troops to Iraq, I fear that the President and his administration are neglecting the real front in the war on terror, and that is Afghanistan. It is because of this neglect that the Taliban has made a resurgence in both Afghanistan and western Pakistan.

In October, President Bush said that "al Qaeda is on the run" and claimed that we are winning the war on terror. The fact is that attacks by jihadists have increased over the last 3 years. In addition to the tragic bombings in Madrid and London, violent incidents linked to al Qaeda have occurred in Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, and elsewhere in the Middle East.

Investigators discovered that the man behind the London bombings, Mohammed Siddique Khan, spent significant time in western Pakistan prior to the bombings. He was in the area of Pakistan that shares the border with Afghanistan, and this area has grown to be one of the most problematic regions in America's war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, the problem stems from late 2001, when American forces pushed al Qaeda out of Afghanistan. The group did not disappear, but rather jumped the border to western Pakistan, where it has set up a network of training camps. A former American intelligence official who worked in Pakistan has claimed that over 2,000 foreign fighters are currently in the region.

The details of insurgent attacks on the ground in Afghanistan are very disconcerting. Suicide attacks have increased from 27 in 2005 to an alarming 139 attacks in 2006. Instances of roadside bombs have more than doubled from 783 in 2005 to 1,677 in 2006. And, Mr. Speaker, we are hardly winning this war.

President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice must push Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf to take action against Taliban militants in the western region of his nation. After the attacks of 9/11, President Musharraf offered his support to the United States by vowing to search for